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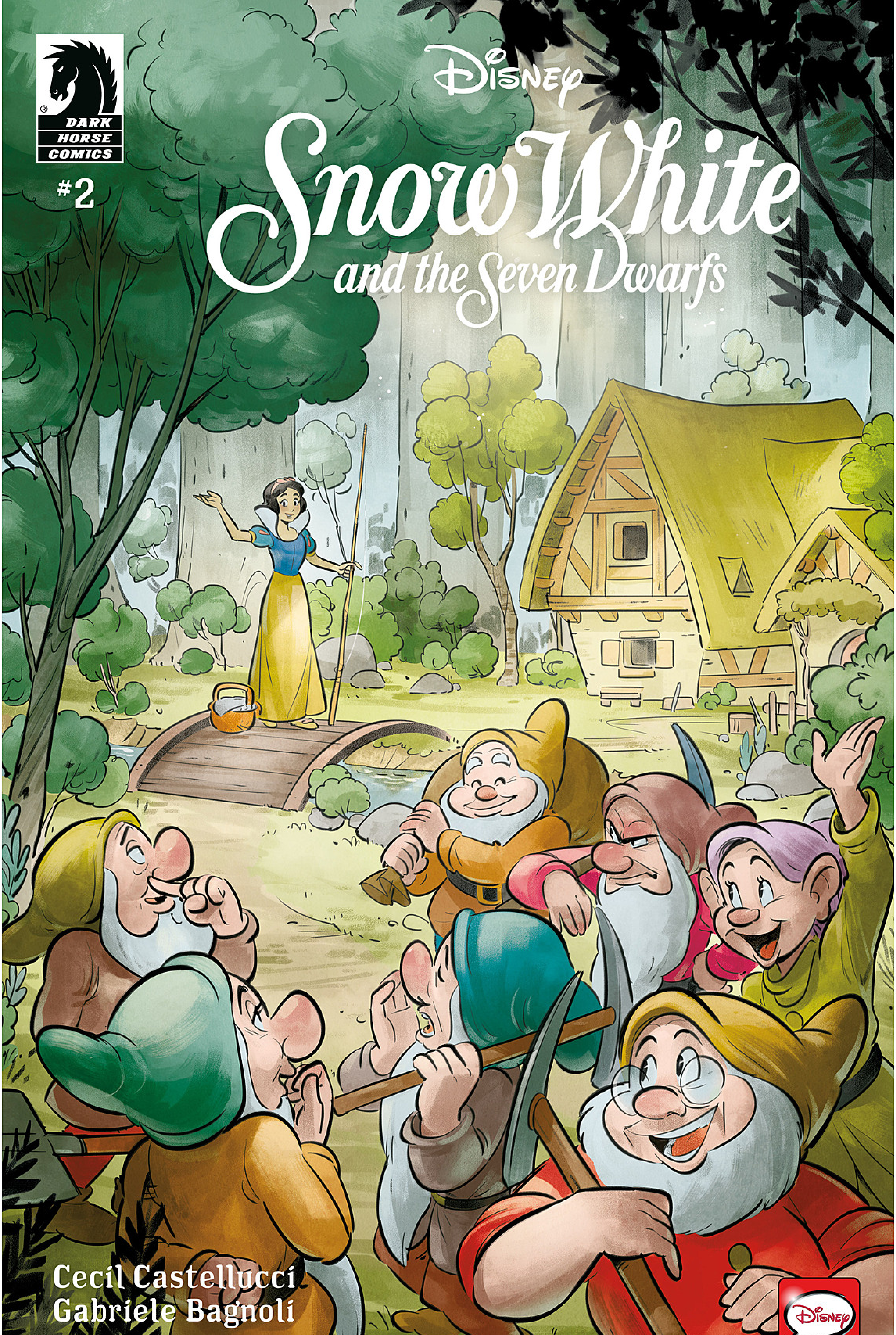

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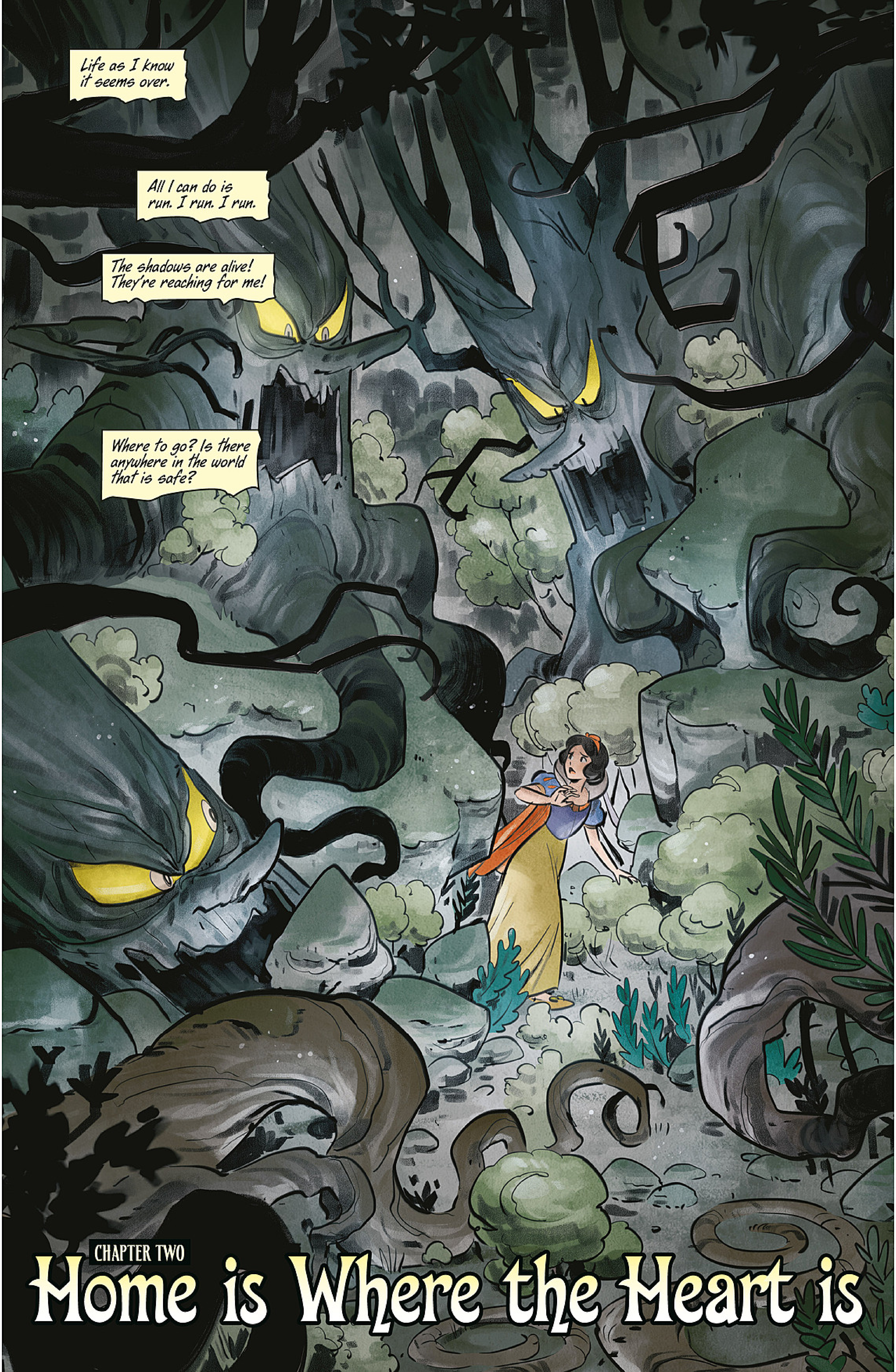
Life as I know it seems over.
All I can do is run. I run. I run.
The shadows are alive! They're reaching for me!
Where to go? Is there anywhere in the world that is safe?

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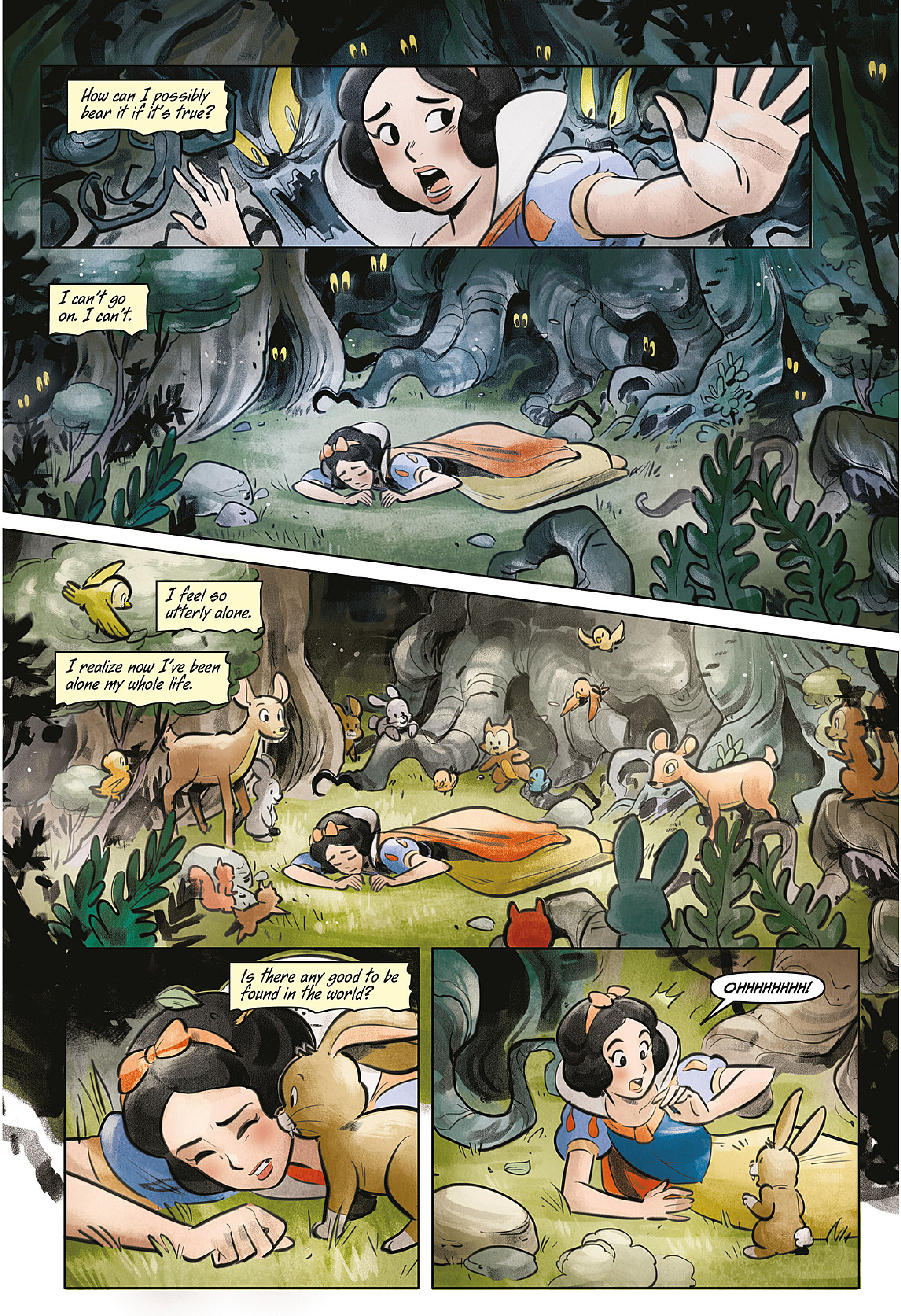
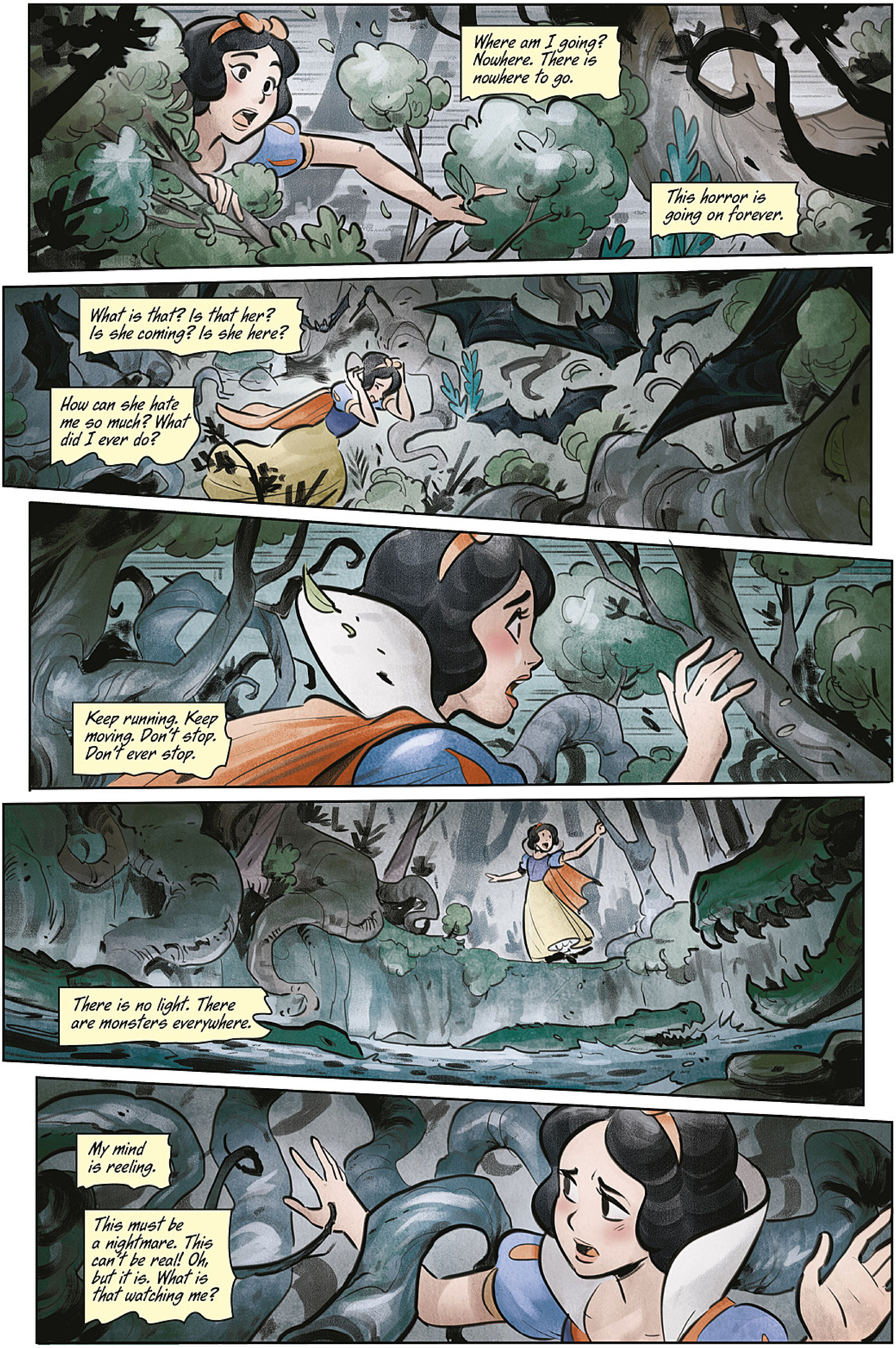
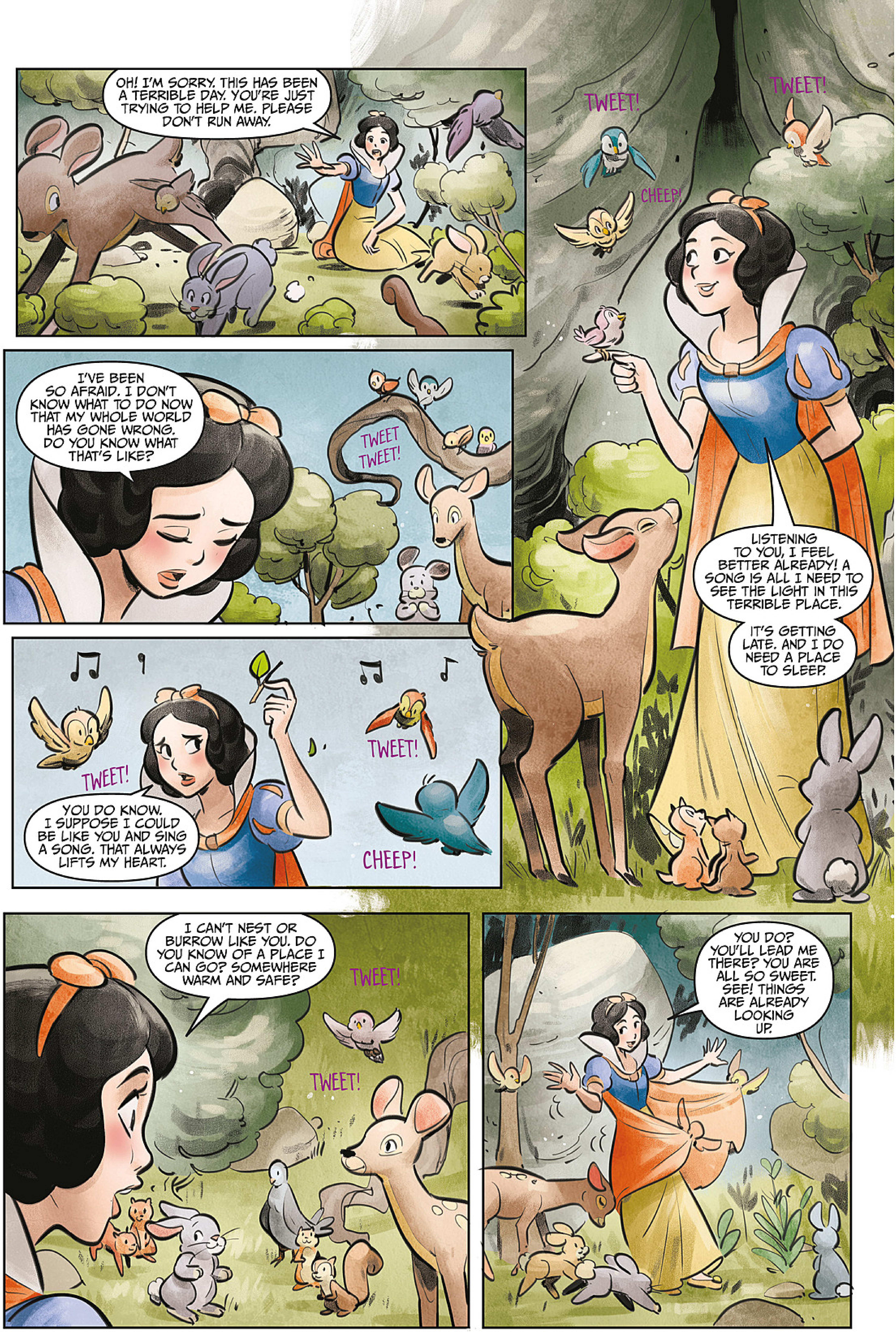
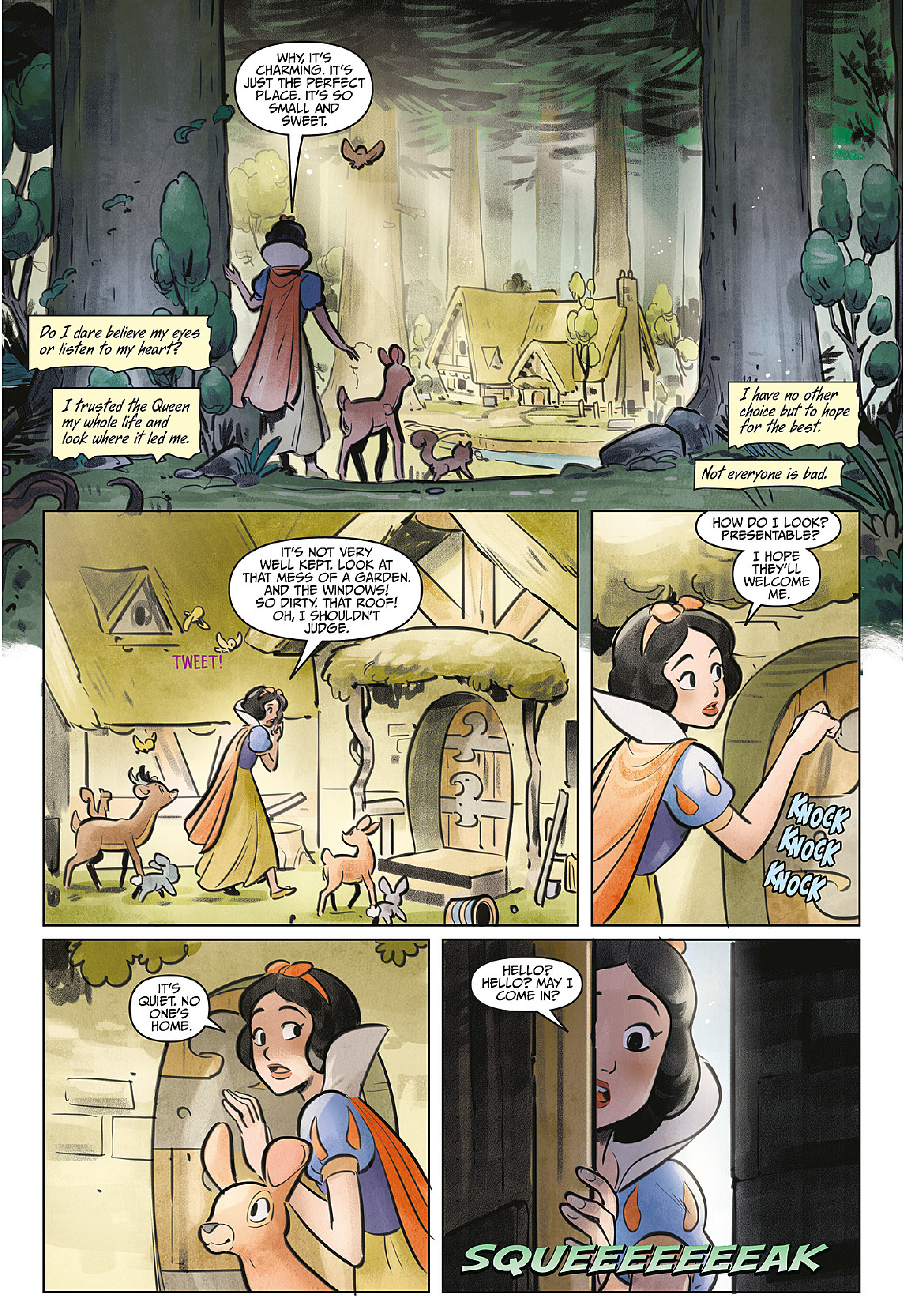
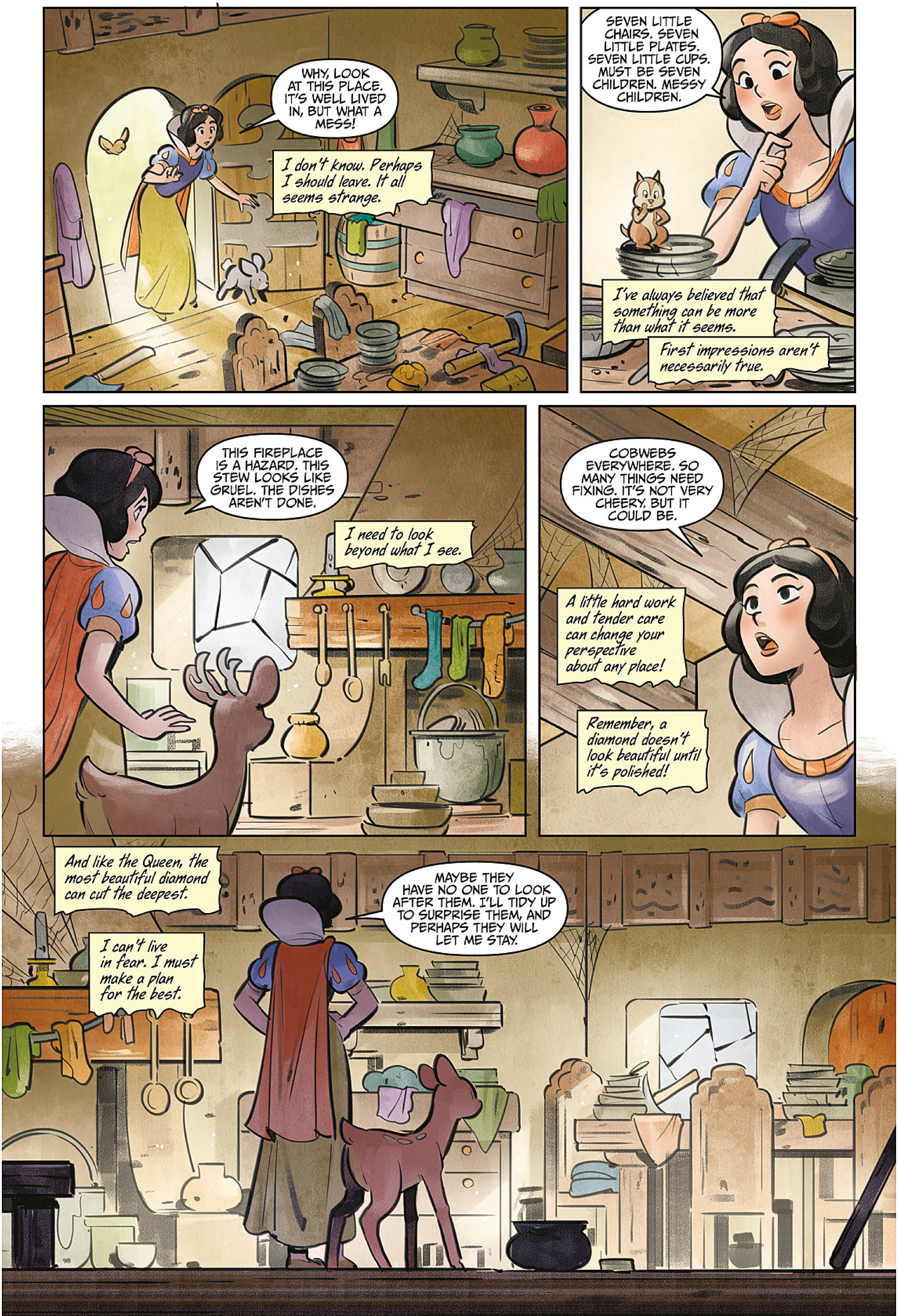
Home is Where the Heart is

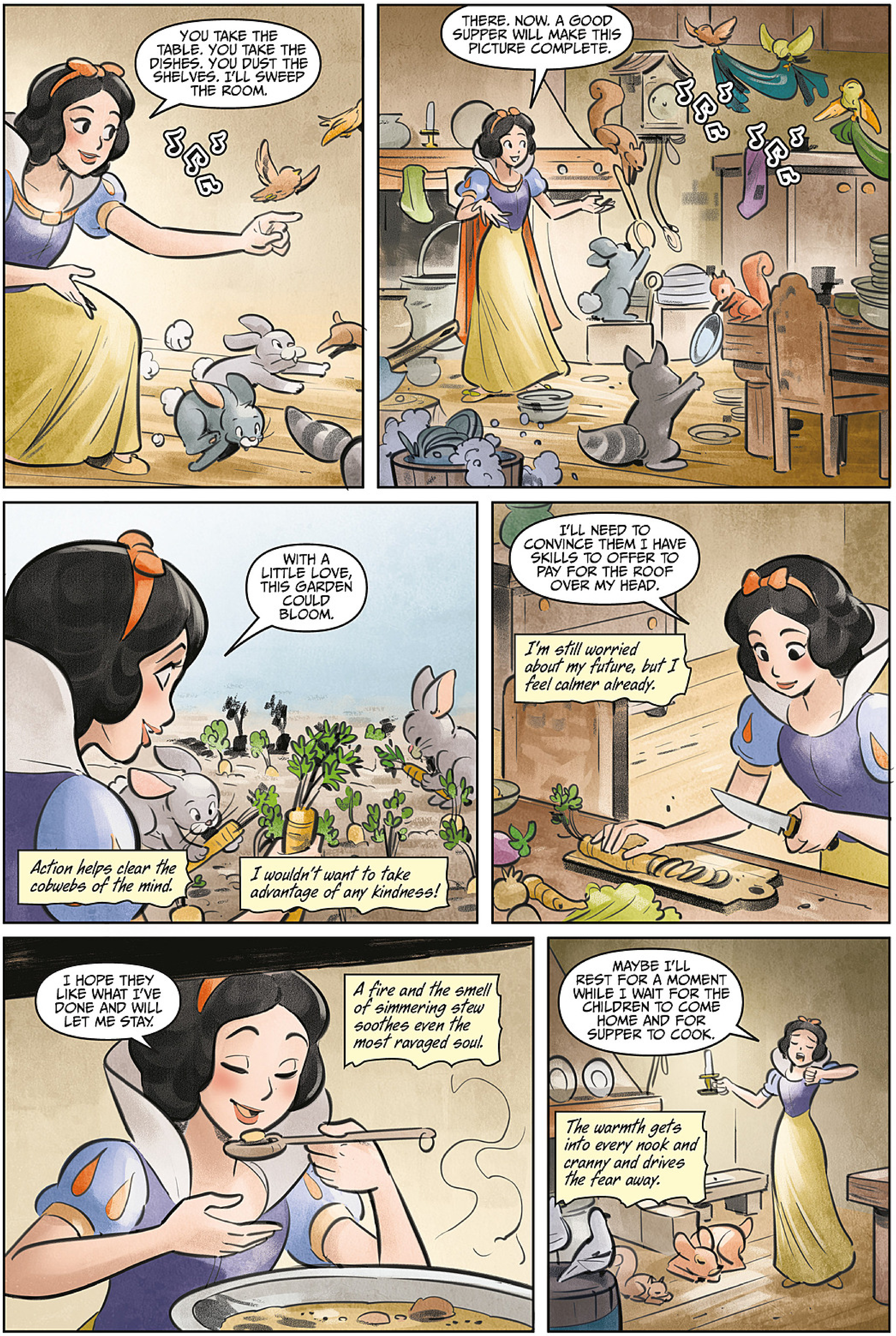

How can I possibly bear it if it's true?
I can't go on. I can't.
I feel so utterly alone.
I realize now I've been alone my whole life.
Is there any good to be found in the world?
OHHHHHHHH!

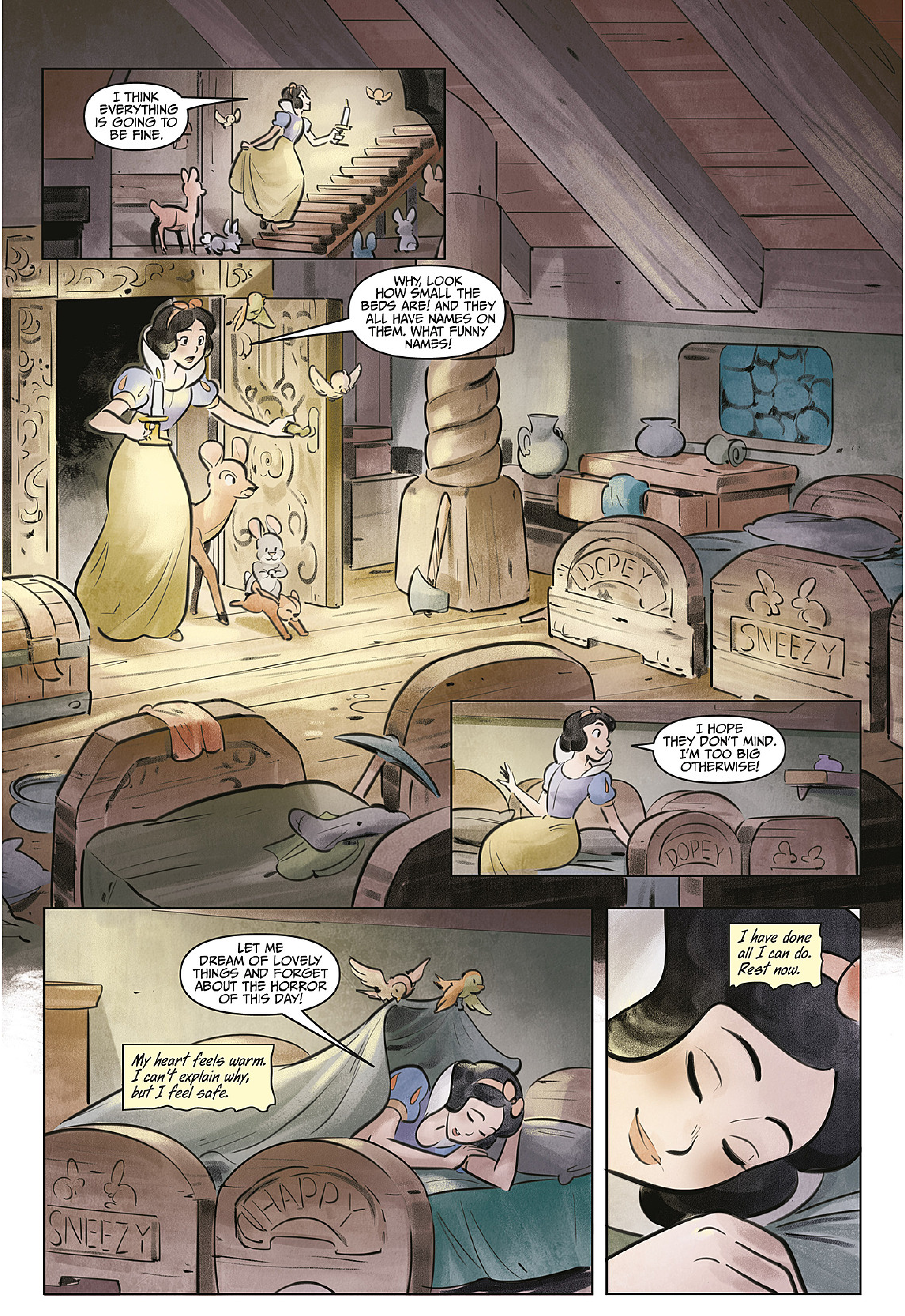

Where am I going? Nowhere. There is nowhere to go.
This horror is going on forever.
What is that? Is that her? Is she coming? Is she here?
How can she hate me so much? What did I ever do?
Keep running. Keep moving. Don't stop. Don't ever stop.
There is no light. There are monsters everywhere.
My mind is reeling.
This must be a nightmare. This can't be real! Oh, but it is. What is that watching me?

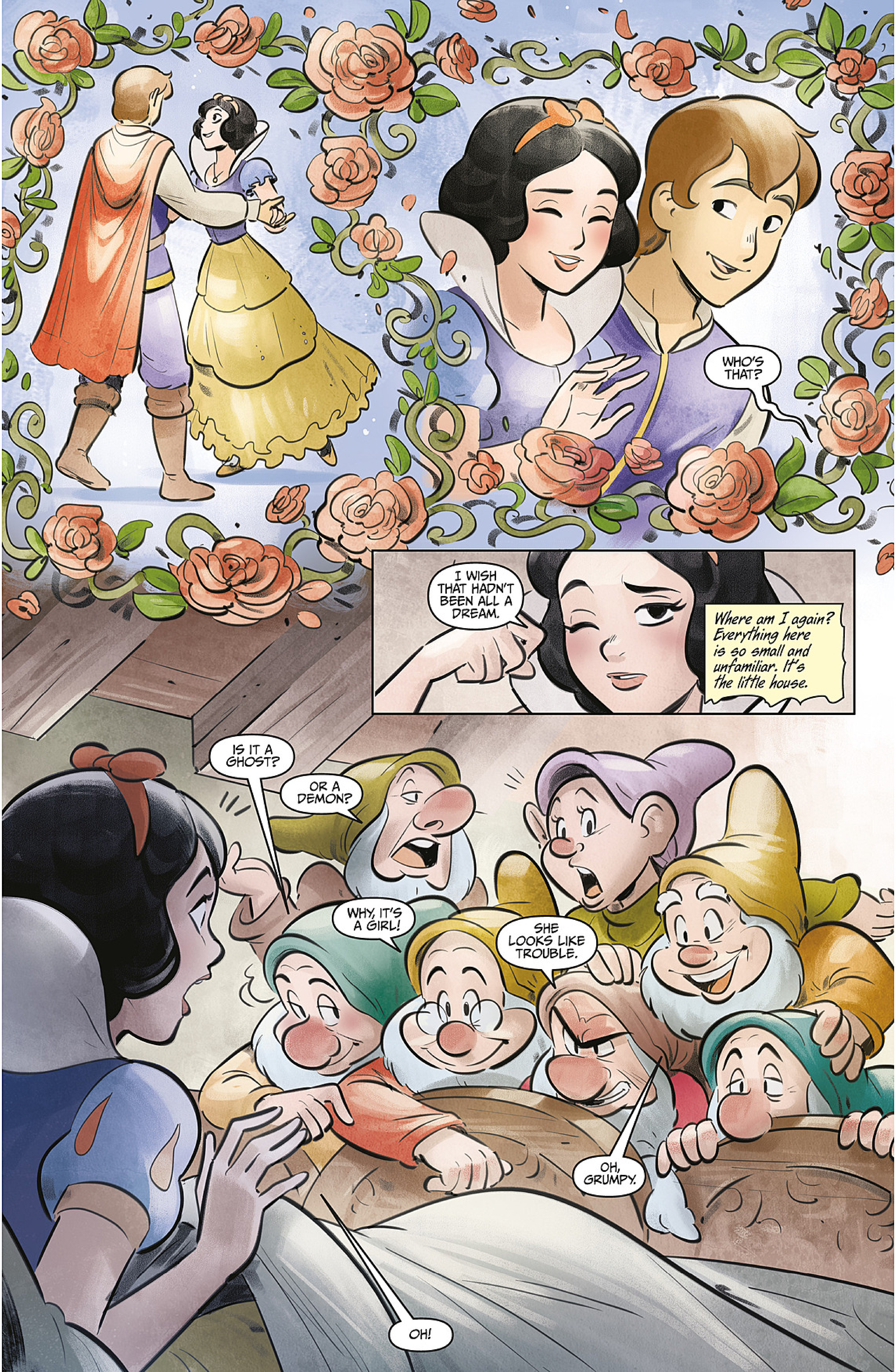

OH! I'M SORRY. THIS HAS BEEN A TERRIBLE DAY. YOU'RE JUST TRYING TO HELP ME. PLEASE DON'T RUN AWAY.
I'VE BEEN SO AFRAID. I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO DO NOW THAT MY WHOLE WORLD HAS GONE WRONG. DO YOU KNOW WHAT THAT'S LIKE?
TWEET TWEET!
TWEET!
TWEET!
YOU DO KNOW. I SUPPOSE I COULD BE LIKE YOU AND SING A SONG. THAT ALWAYS LIFTS MY HEART.
CHEEP!
TWEET!
TWEET!
CHEEP!
LISTENING TO YOU, I FEEL BETTER ALREADY! A SONG IS ALL I NEED TO SEE THE LIGHT IN THIS TERRIBLE PLACE.
IT'S GETTING LATE. AND I DO NEED A PLACE TO SLEEP.
I CAN'T NEST OR BURROW LIKE YOU. DO YOU KNOW OF A PLACE I CAN GO? SOMEWHERE WARM AND SAFE?
TWEET!
TWEET!
YOU DO? YOU'LL LEAD ME THERE? YOU ARE ALL SO SWEET. SEE! THINGS ARE ALREADY LOOKING UP.

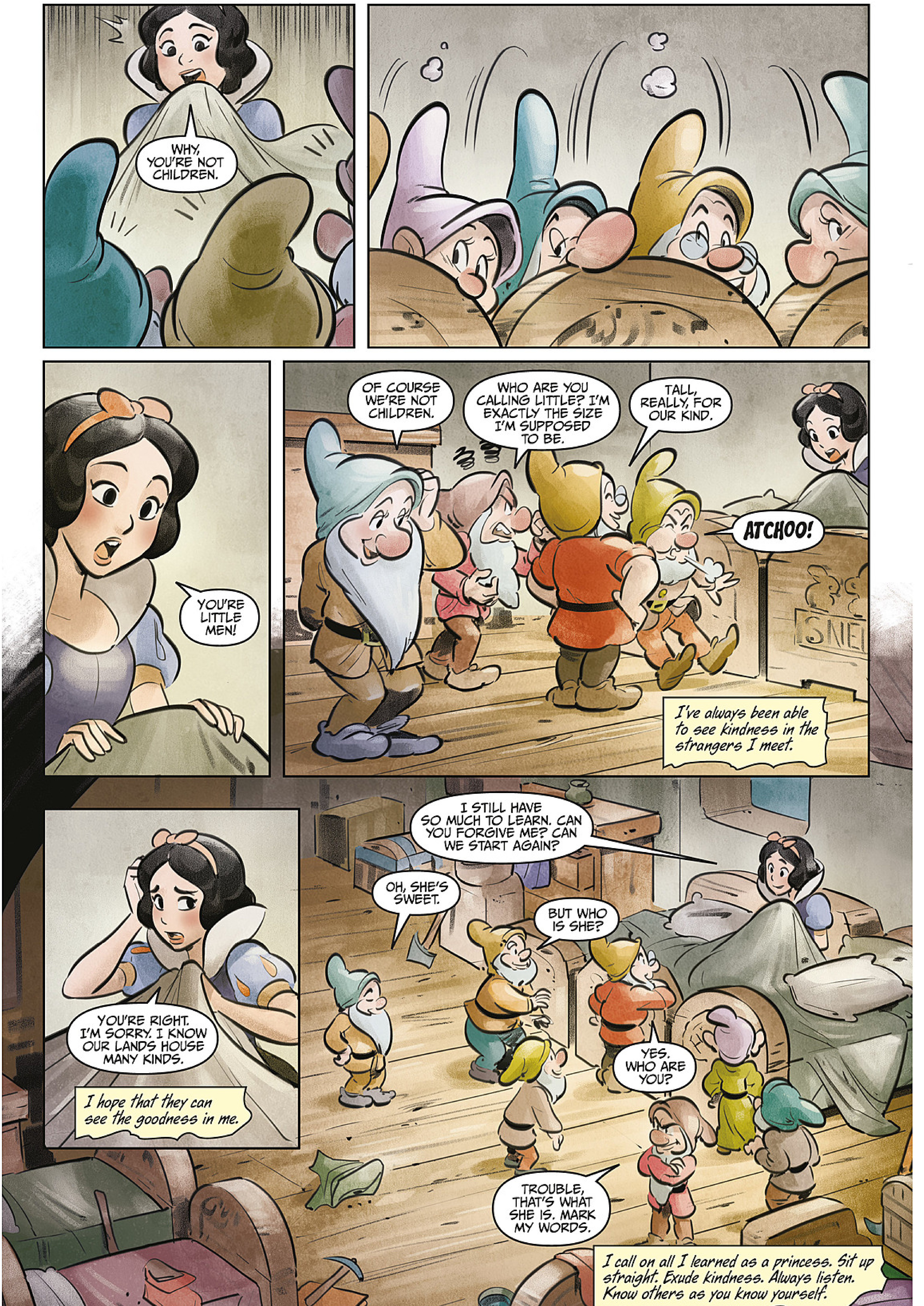

WHY, IT'S CHARMING. IT'S JUST THE PERFECT PLACE. IT'S SO SMALL AND SWEET.
Do I dare believe my eyes or listen to my heart?
I trusted the Queen my whole life and look where it led me.
I have no other choice but to hope for the best.
Not everyone is bad.
IT'S NOT VERY WELL KEPT. LOOK AT THAT MESS OF A GARDEN. AND THE WINDOWS! SO DIRTY. THAT ROOF! OH, I SHOULDN'T JUDGE.
TWEET!
HOW DO I LOOK? PRESENTABLE?
I HOPE THEY'LL WELCOME ME.
KNOCK KNOCK KNOCK
IT'S QUIET. NO ONE'S HOME.
HELLO? HELLO? MAY I COME IN?
SQUEEEEEEEEAK

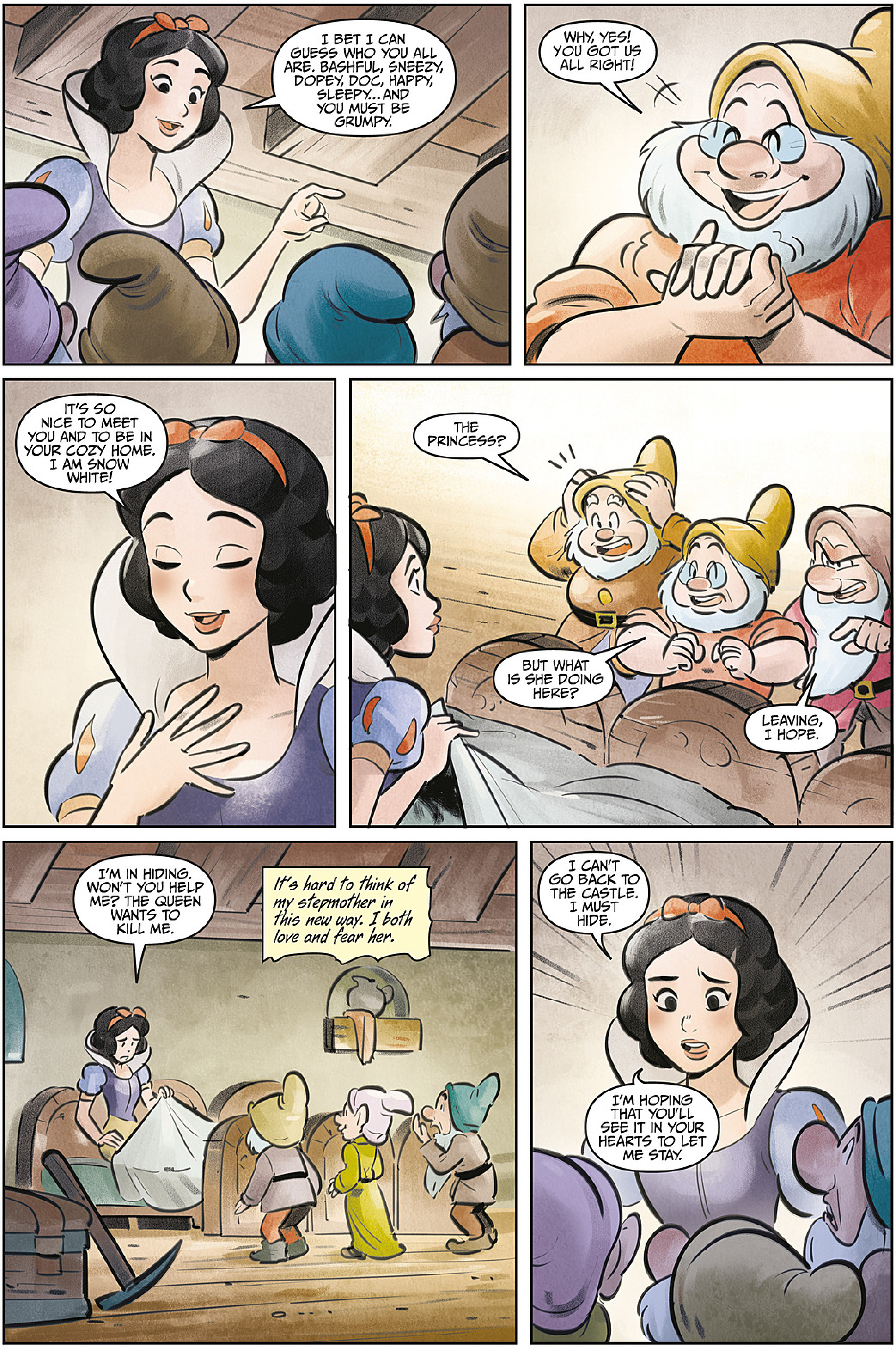

WHY, LOOK AT THIS PLACE. IT'S WELL LIVED IN, BUT WHAT A MESS!
I don't know. Perhaps I should leave. It all seems strange.
SEVEN LITTLE CHAIRS. SEVEN LITTLE PLATES. SEVEN LITTLE CUPS. MUST BE SEVEN CHILDREN. MESSY CHILDREN.
I've always believed that something can be more than what it seems.
First impressions aren't necessarily true.
THIS FIREPLACE IS A HAZARD. THIS STEW LOOKS LIKE GRUEL. THE DISHES AREN'T DONE.
I need to look beyond what I see.
COBWEBS EVERYWHERE. SO MANY THINGS NEED FIXING. IT'S NOT VERY CHEERY. BUT IT COULD BE.
A little hard work and tender care can change your perspective about any place!
Remember, a diamond doesn't look beautiful until it's polished!
And like the Queen, the most beautiful diamond can cut the deepest.
I can't live in fear. I must make a plan for the best.
MAYBE THEY HAVE NO ONE TO LOOK AFTER THEM. I'LL TIDY UP TO SURPRISE THEM, AND PERHAPS THEY WILL LET ME STAY.

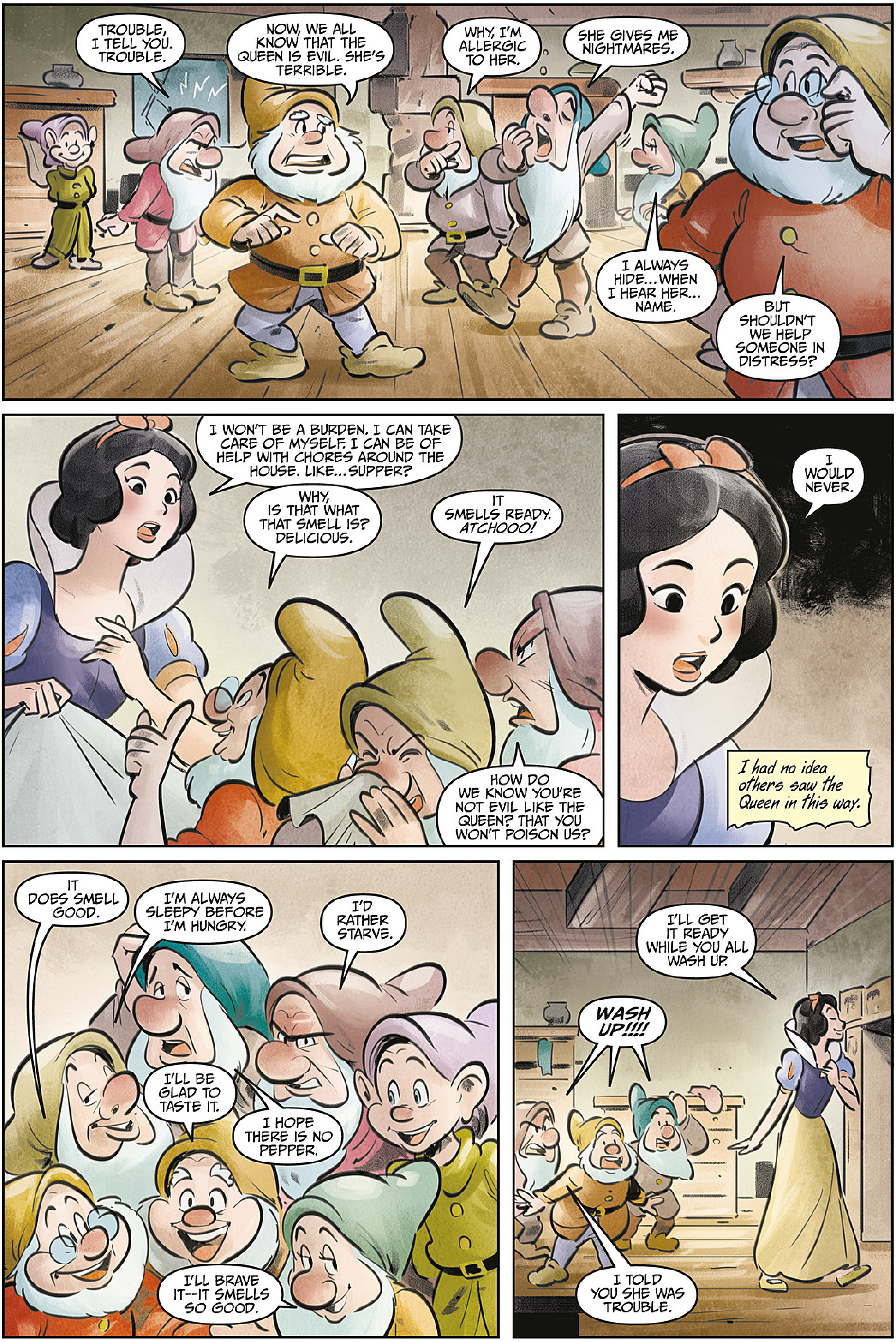

YOU TAKE THE TABLE. YOU TAKE THE DISHES. YOU DUST THE SHELVES. I'LL SWEEP THE ROOM.
THERE. NOW. A GOOD SUPPER WILL MAKE THIS PICTURE COMPLETE.
WITH A LITTLE LOVE, THIS GARDEN COULD BLOOM.
Action helps clear the cobwebs of the mind.
I wouldn't want to take advantage of any kindness!
I'LL NEED TO CONVINCE THEM I HAVE SKILLS TO OFFER TO PAY FOR THE ROOF OVER MY HEAD.
I'm still worried about my future, but I feel calmer already.
I HOPE THEY LIKE WHAT I'VE DONE AND WILL LET ME STAY.
A fire and the smell of simmering stew soothes even the most ravaged soul.
MAYBE I'LL REST FOR A MOMENT WHILE I WAIT FOR THE CHILDREN TO COME HOME AND FOR SUPPER TO COOK.
The warmth gets into every nook and cranny and drives the fear away.

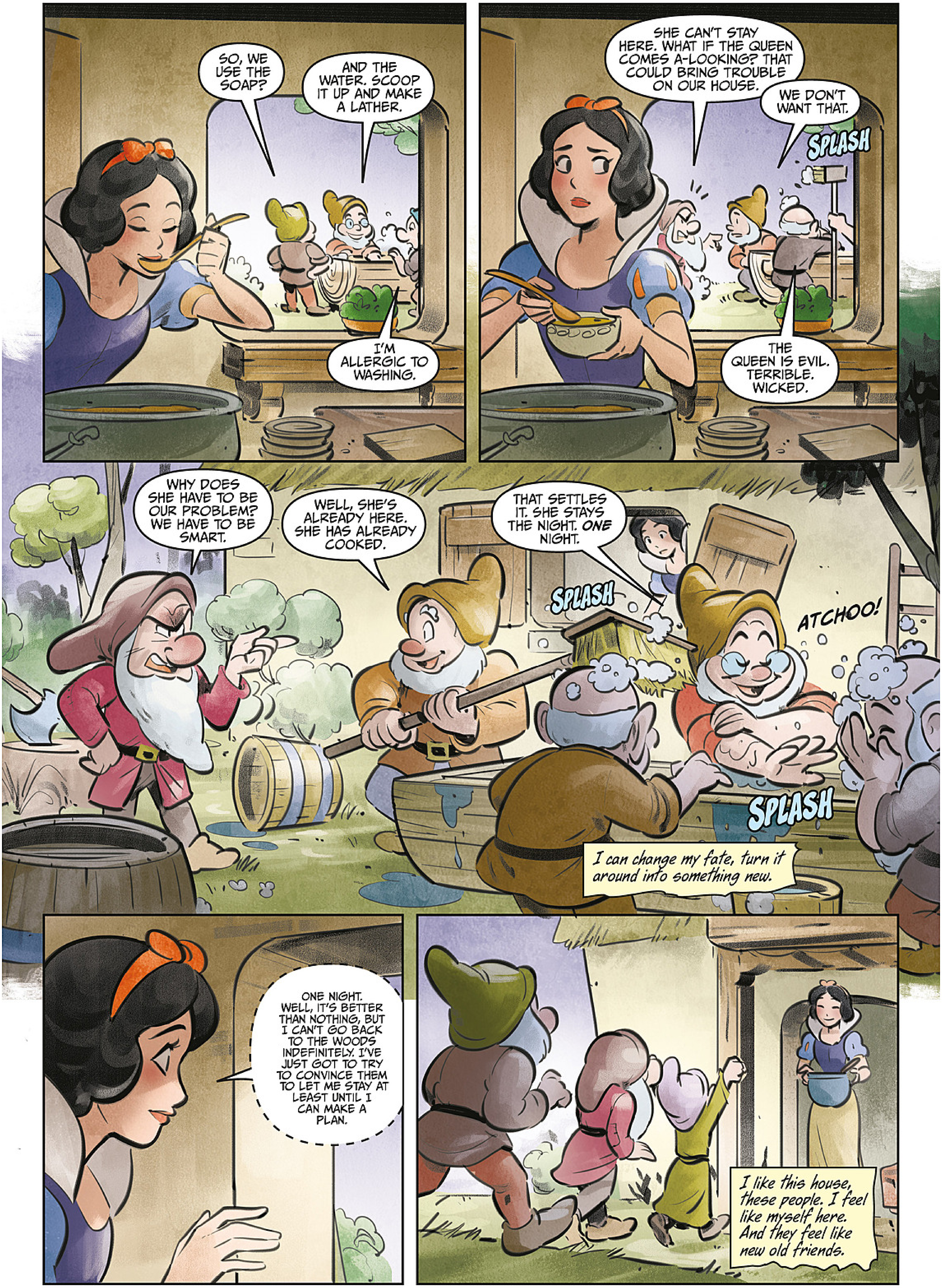

I THINK EVERYTHING IS GOING TO BE FINE.
WHY, LOOK HOW SMALL THE BEDS ARE! AND THEY ALL HAVE NAMES ON THEM. WHAT FUNNY NAMES!
DOPEY
SNEEZY
I HOPE THEY DON'T MIND. I'M TOO BIG OTHERWISE!
DOPEY
LET ME DREAM OF LOVELY THINGS AND FORGET ABOUT THE HORROR OF THIS DAY!
My heart feels warm. I can't explain why, but I feel safe.
SNEEZY
HAPPY
I have done all I can do. Rest now.

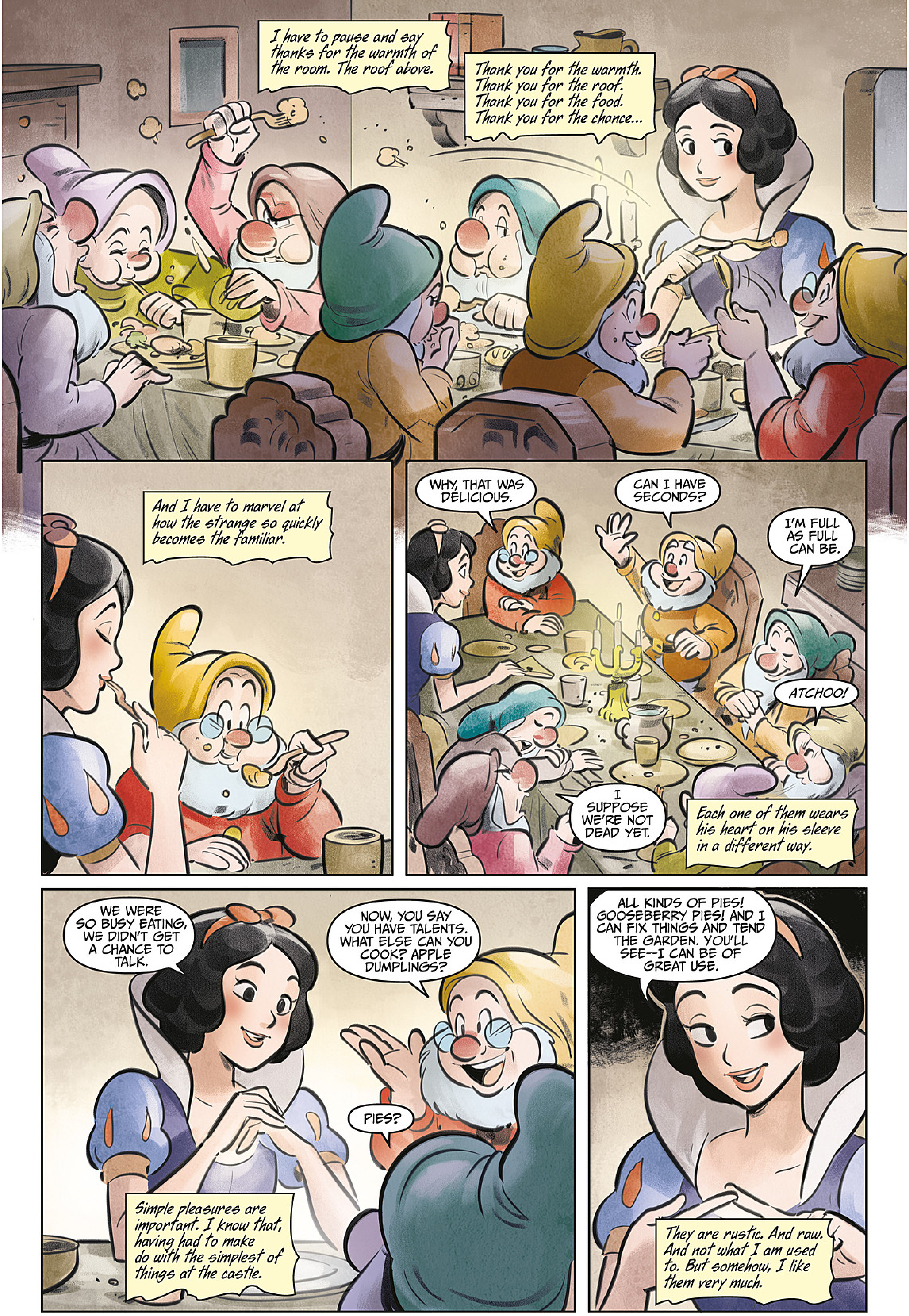

WHO'S THAT?
I WISH THAT HADN'T BEEN ALL A DREAM.
Where am I again? Everything here is so small and unfamiliar. It's the little house.
IS IT A GHOST?
OR A DEMON?
WHY, IT'S A GIRL!
SHE LOOKS LIKE TROUBLE.
OH, GRUMPY.
OH!

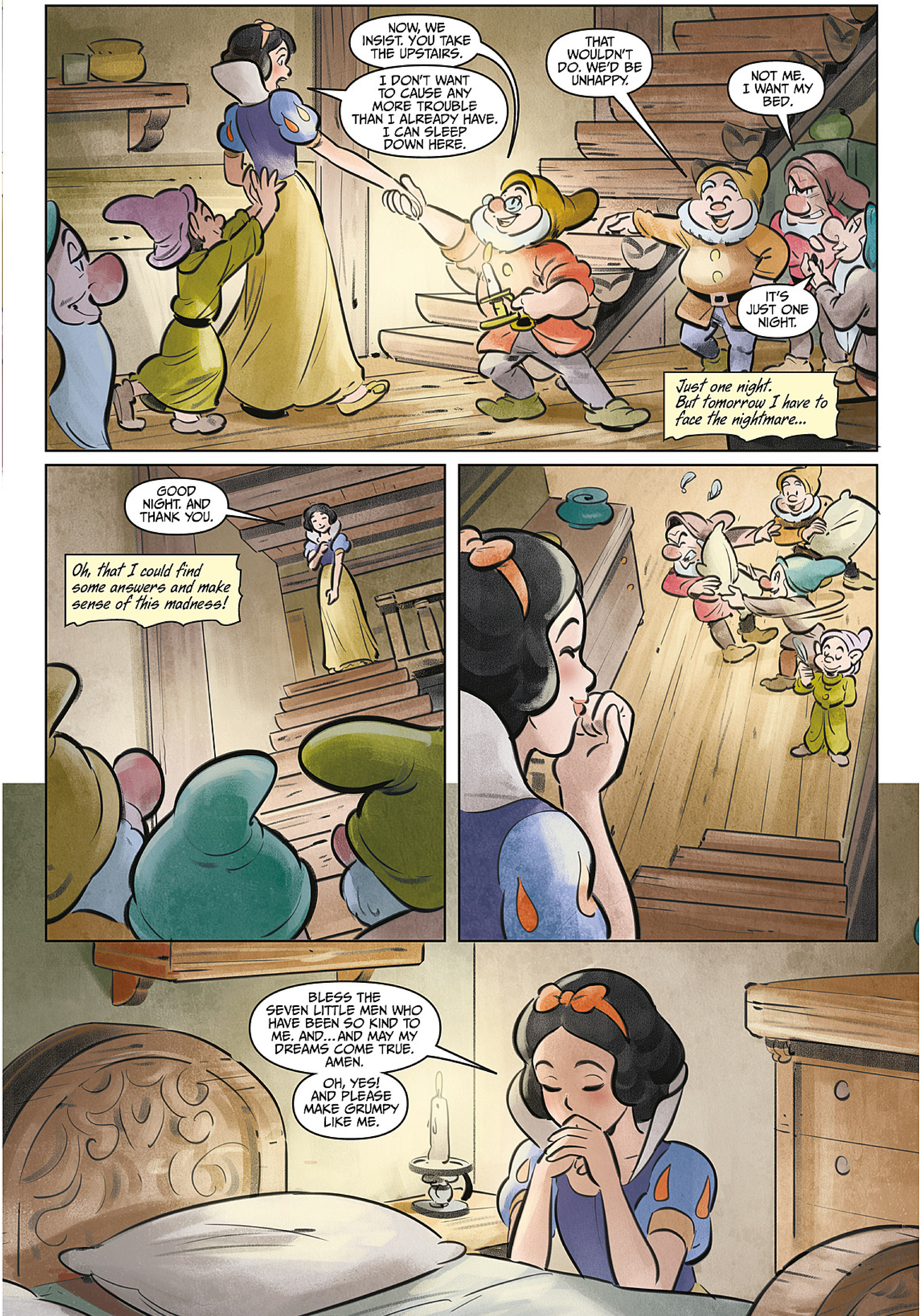

WHY, YOU'RE NOT CHILDREN.
YOU'RE LITTLE MEN!
OF COURSE WE'RE NOT CHILDREN.
WHO ARE YOU CALLING LITTLE? I'M EXACTLY THE SIZE I'M SUPPOSED TO BE.
TALL, REALLY, FOR OUR KIND.
ATCHOO!
SNE
I've always been able to see kindness in the strangers I meet.
YOU'RE RIGHT. I'M SORRY. I KNOW OUR LANDS HOUSE MANY KINDS.
I hope that they can see the goodness in me.
I STILL HAVE SO MUCH TO LEARN. CAN YOU FORGIVE ME? CAN WE START AGAIN?
OH, SHE'S SWEET.
BUT WHO IS SHE?
YES. WHO ARE YOU?
TROUBLE, THAT'S WHAT SHE IS. MARK MY WORDS.
I call on all I learned as a princess. Sit up straight. Exude kindness. Always listen. Know others as you know yourself.

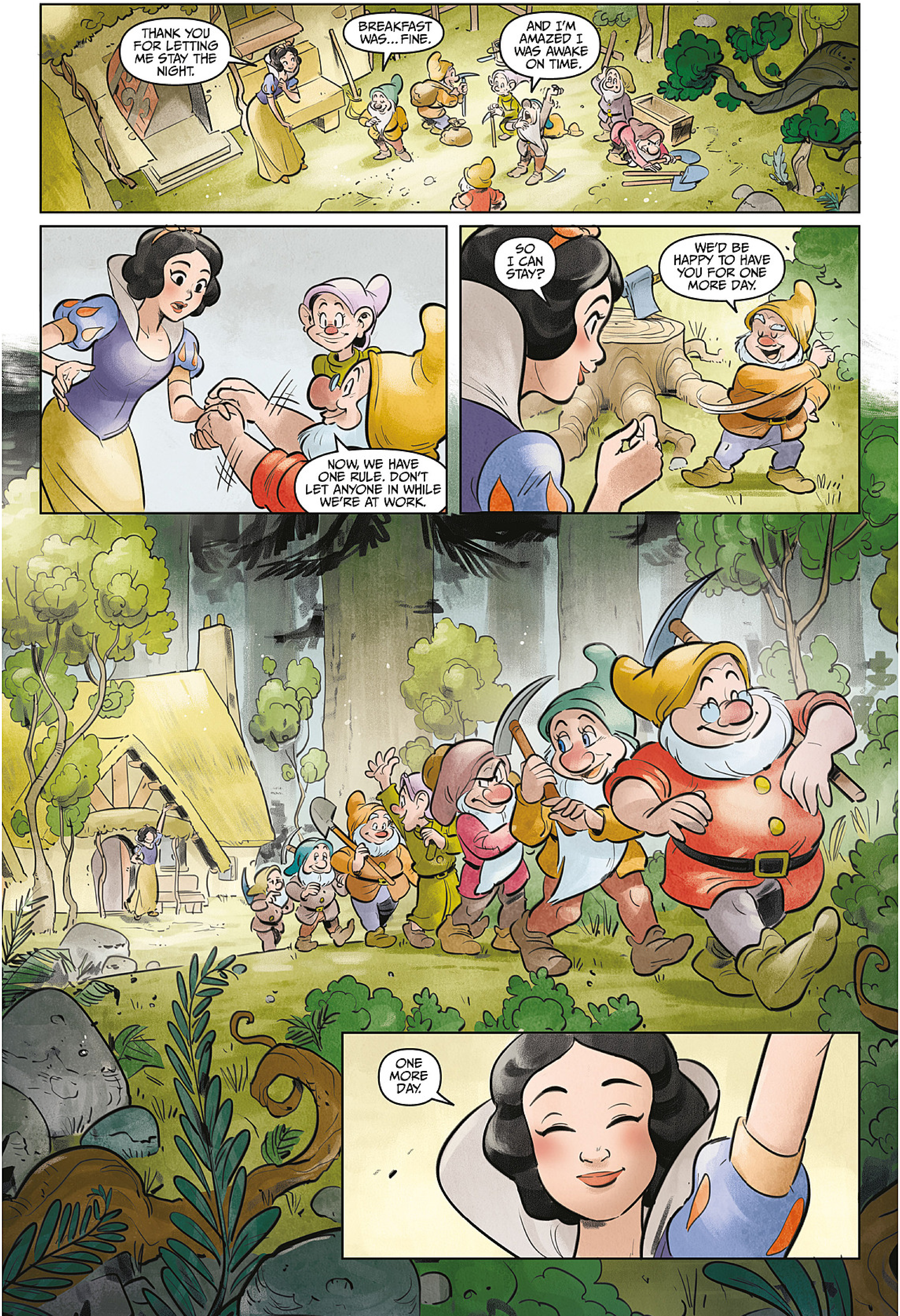

I BET I CAN GUESS WHO YOU ALL ARE. BASHFUL, SNEEZY, DOPEY, DOC, HAPPY, SLEEPY...AND YOU MUST BE GRUMPY.
WHY, YES! YOU GOT US ALL RIGHT!
IT'S SO NICE TO MEET YOU AND TO BE IN YOUR COZY HOME. I AM SNOW WHITE!
THE PRINCESS?
BUT WHAT IS SHE DOING HERE?
LEAVING, I HOPE.
I'M IN HIDING. WON'T YOU HELP ME? THE QUEEN WANTS TO KILL ME.
It's hard to think of my stepmother in this new way. I both love and fear her.
I CAN'T GO BACK TO THE CASTLE. I MUST HIDE.
I'M HOPING THAT YOU'LL SEE IT IN YOUR HEARTS TO LET ME STAY.

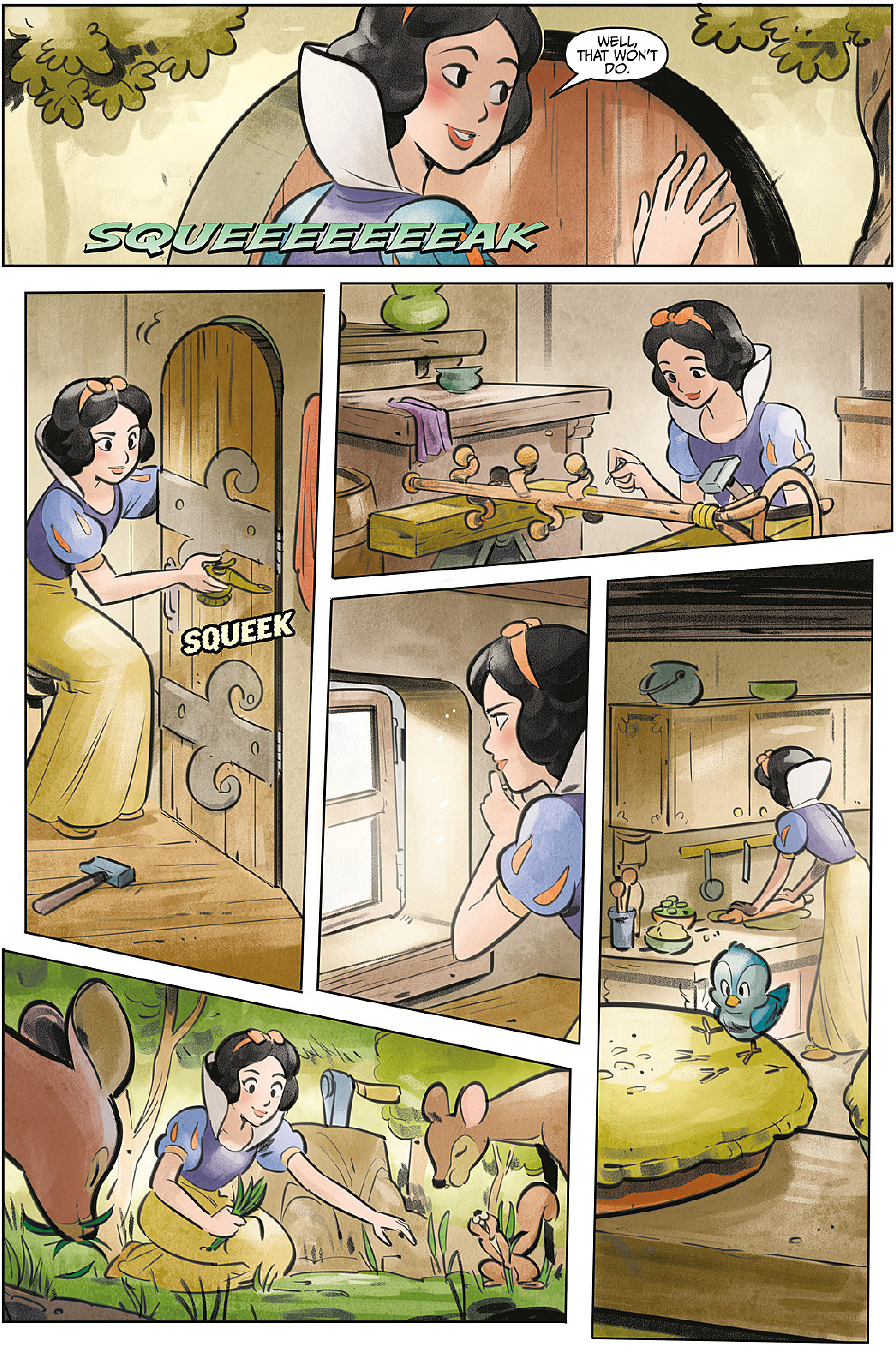

TROUBLE, I TELL YOU. TROUBLE.
NOW, WE ALL KNOW THAT THE QUEEN IS EVIL. SHE'S TERRIBLE.
WHY, I'M ALLERGIC TO HER.
SHE GIVES ME NIGHTMARES.
I ALWAYS HIDE... WHEN I HEAR HER... NAME.
BUT SHOULDN'T WE HELP SOMEONE IN DISTRESS?
I WON'T BE A BURDEN. I CAN TAKE CARE OF MYSELF. I CAN BE OF HELP WITH CHORES AROUND THE HOUSE. LIKE... SUPPER?
WHY, IS THAT WHAT THAT SMELL IS? DELICIOUS.
IT SMELLS READY. *ATCHOOO!*
HOW DO WE KNOW YOU'RE NOT EVIL LIKE THE QUEEN? THAT YOU WON'T POISON US?
I WOULD NEVER.
I had no idea others saw the Queen in this way.
IT DOES SMELL GOOD.
I'M ALWAYS SLEEPY BEFORE I'M HUNGRY.
I'D RATHER STARVE.
I'LL BE GLAD TO TASTE IT.
I HOPE THERE IS NO PEPPER.
I'LL BRAVE IT--IT SMELLS SO GOOD.
I'LL GET IT READY WHILE YOU ALL WASH UP.
WASH UP!!!!
I TOLD YOU SHE WAS TROUBLE.

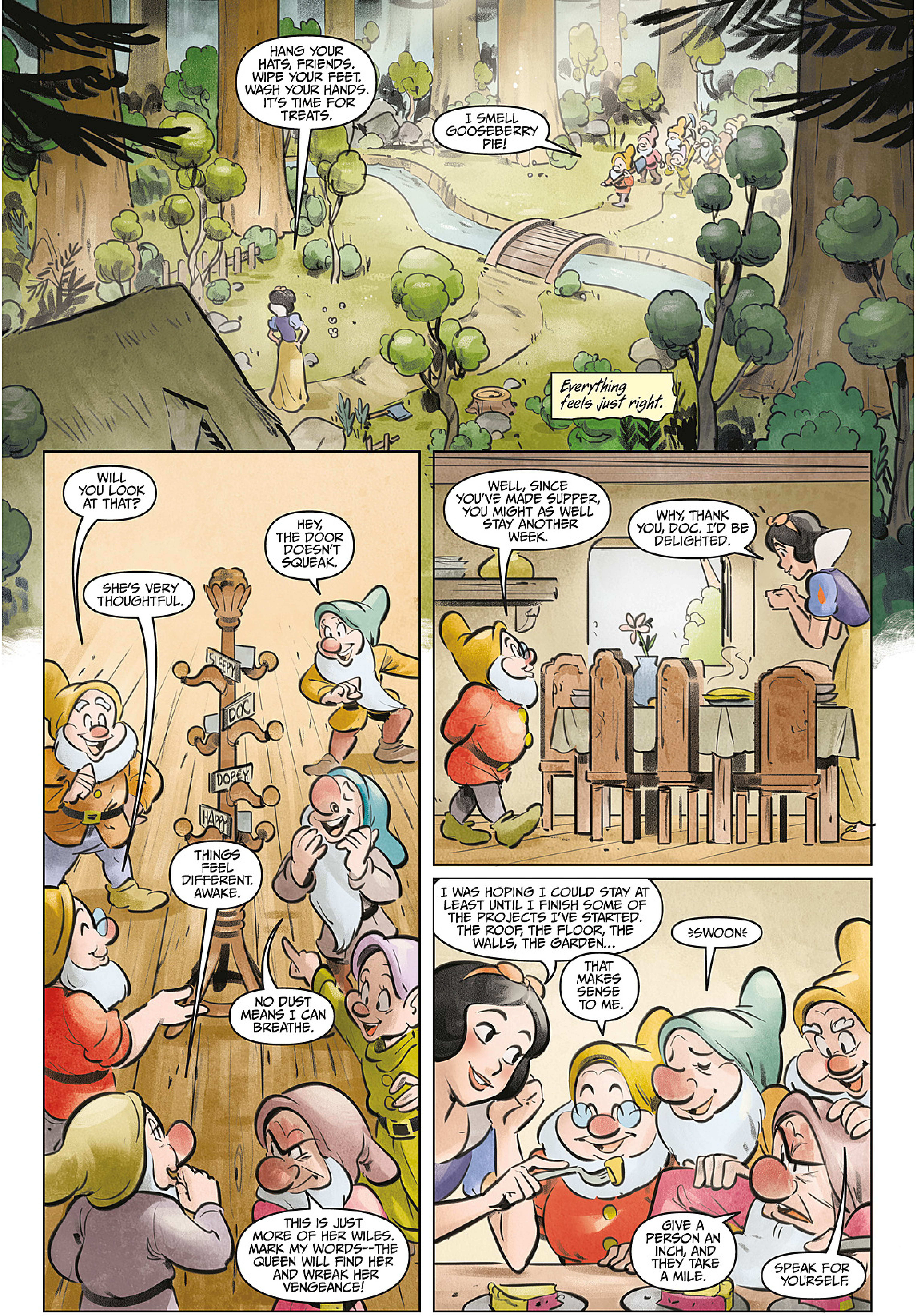

SO, WE USE THE SOAP?
AND THE WATER. SCOOP IT UP AND MAKE A LATHER.
I'M ALLERGIC TO WASHING.
SHE CAN'T STAY HERE. WHAT IF THE QUEEN COMES A-LOOKING? THAT COULD BRING TROUBLE ON OUR HOUSE.
WE DON'T WANT THAT.
SPLASH
THE QUEEN IS EVIL. TERRIBLE. WICKED.
WHY DOES SHE HAVE TO BE OUR PROBLEM? WE HAVE TO BE SMART.
WELL, SHE'S ALREADY HERE. SHE HAS ALREADY COOKED.
THAT SETTLES IT. SHE STAYS THE NIGHT. ***ONE*** NIGHT.
SPLASH
ATCHOO!
SPLASH
I can change my fate, turn it around into something new.
ONE NIGHT. WELL, IT'S BETTER THAN NOTHING, BUT I CAN'T GO BACK TO THE WOODS INDEFINITELY. I'VE JUST GOT TO TRY TO CONVINCE THEM TO LET ME STAY AT LEAST UNTIL I CAN MAKE A PLAN.
I like this house, these people. I feel like myself here. And they feel like new old friends.

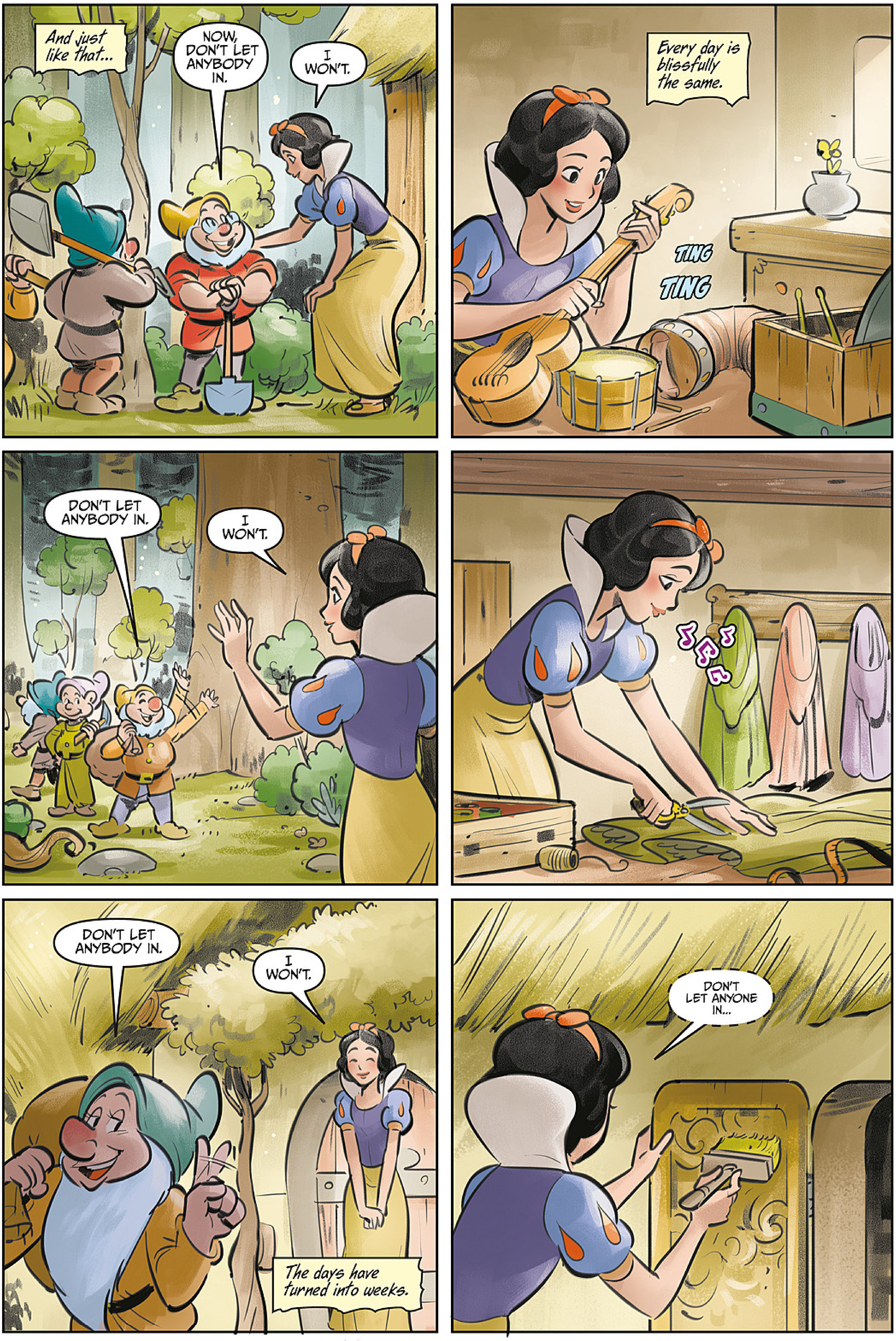

I have to pause and say thanks for the warmth of the room. The roof above.
Thank you for the warmth. Thank you for the roof. Thank you for the food. Thank you for the chance...
And I have to marvel at how the strange so quickly becomes the familiar.
WHY, THAT WAS DELICIOUS.
CAN I HAVE SECONDS?
I'M FULL AS FULL CAN BE.
ATCHOO!
I SUPPOSE WE'RE NOT DEAD YET.
Each one of them wears his heart on his sleeve in a different way.
WE WERE SO BUSY EATING, WE DIDN'T GET A CHANCE TO TALK.
NOW, YOU SAY YOU HAVE TALENTS. WHAT ELSE CAN YOU COOK? APPLE DUMPLINGS?
PIES?
Simple pleasures are important. I know that, having had to make do with the simplest of things at the castle.
ALL KINDS OF PIES! GOOSEBERRY PIES! AND I CAN FIX THINGS AND TEND THE GARDEN. YOU'LL SEE--I CAN BE OF GREAT USE.
They are rustic. And raw. And not what I am used to. But somehow, I like them very much.


NOW, WE INSIST. YOU TAKE THE UPSTAIRS.
I DON'T WANT TO CAUSE ANY MORE TROUBLE THAN I ALREADY HAVE. I CAN SLEEP DOWN HERE.
THAT WOULDN'T DO. WE'D BE UNHAPPY.
NOT ME. I WANT MY BED.
IT'S JUST ONE NIGHT.
Just one night. But tomorrow I have to face the nightmare...
GOOD NIGHT. AND THANK YOU.
Oh, that I could find some answers and make sense of this madness!
BLESS THE SEVEN LITTLE MEN WHO HAVE BEEN SO KIND TO ME. AND... AND MAY MY DREAMS COME TRUE. AMEN.
OH, YES! AND PLEASE MAKE GRUMPY LIKE ME.


THANK YOU FOR LETTING ME STAY THE NIGHT.
BREAKFAST WAS... FINE.
AND I'M AMAZED I WAS AWAKE ON TIME.
NOW, WE HAVE ONE RULE. DON'T LET ANYONE IN WHILE WE'RE AT WORK.
SO I CAN STAY?
WE'D BE HAPPY TO HAVE YOU FOR ONE MORE DAY.
ONE MORE DAY.


WELL, THAT WON'T DO.
SQUEEEEEEEEAK
SQUEEK


HANG YOUR HATS, FRIENDS. WIPE YOUR FEET. WASH YOUR HANDS. IT'S TIME FOR TREATS.
I SMELL GOOSEBERRY PIE!
Everything feels just right.
WILL YOU LOOK AT THAT?
HEY, THE DOOR DOESN'T SQUEAK.
SHE'S VERY THOUGHTFUL.
SLEEPY
DOC
DOPEY
HAPPY
THINGS FEEL DIFFERENT. AWAKE.
NO DUST MEANS I CAN BREATHE.
THIS IS JUST MORE OF HER WILES. MARK MY WORDS--THE QUEEN WILL FIND HER AND WREAK HER VENGEANCE!
WELL, SINCE YOU'VE MADE SUPPER, YOU MIGHT AS WELL STAY ANOTHER WEEK.
WHY, THANK YOU, DOC. I'D BE DELIGHTED.
I WAS HOPING I COULD STAY AT LEAST UNTIL I FINISH SOME OF THE PROJECTS I'VE STARTED. THE ROOF, THE FLOOR, THE WALLS, THE GARDEN...
THAT MAKES SENSE TO ME.
SWOON
GIVE A PERSON AN INCH, AND THEY TAKE A MILE.
SPEAK FOR YOURSELF.


And just like that...
NOW, DON'T LET ANYBODY IN.
I WON'T.
Every day is blissfully the same.
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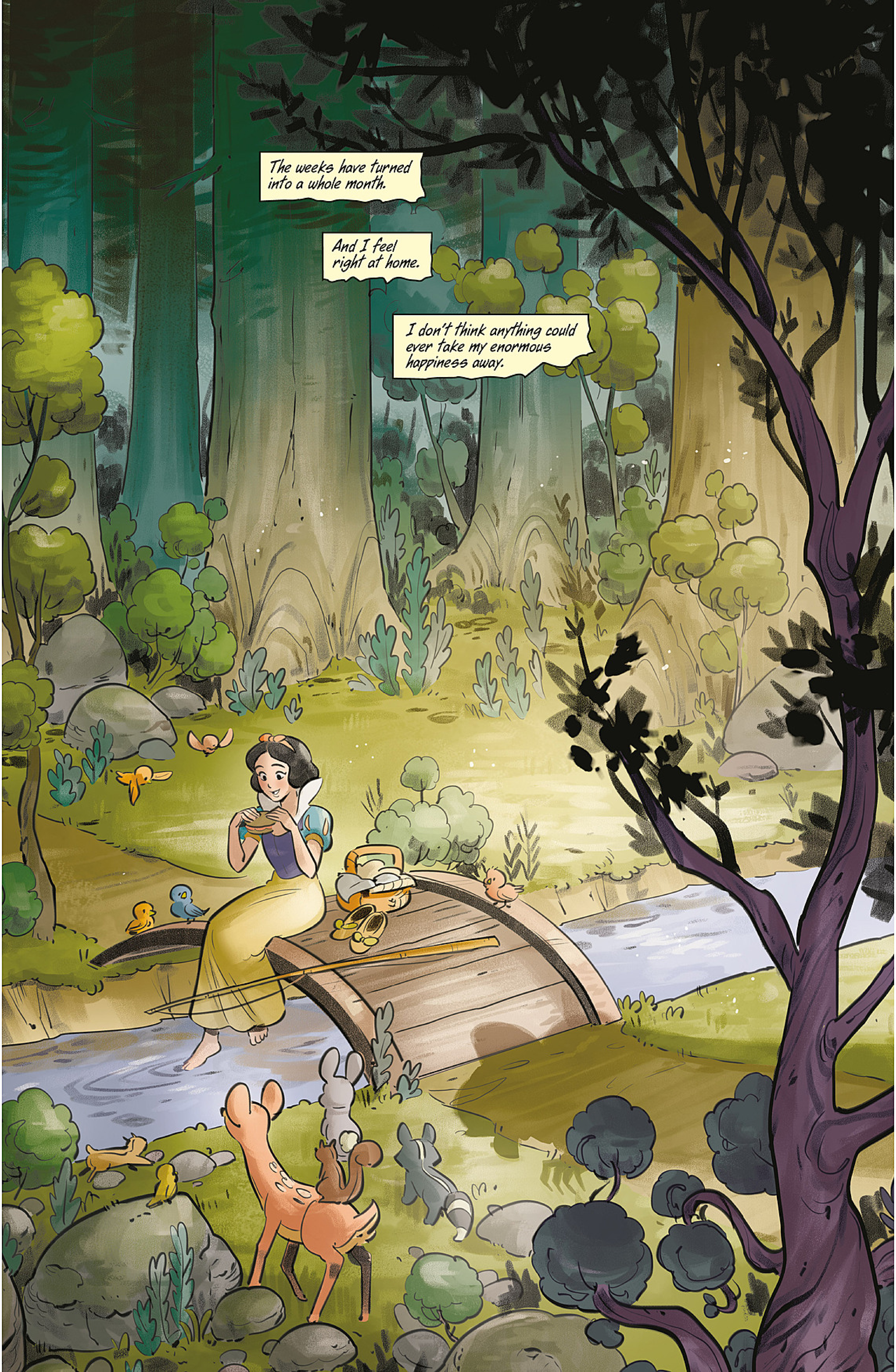
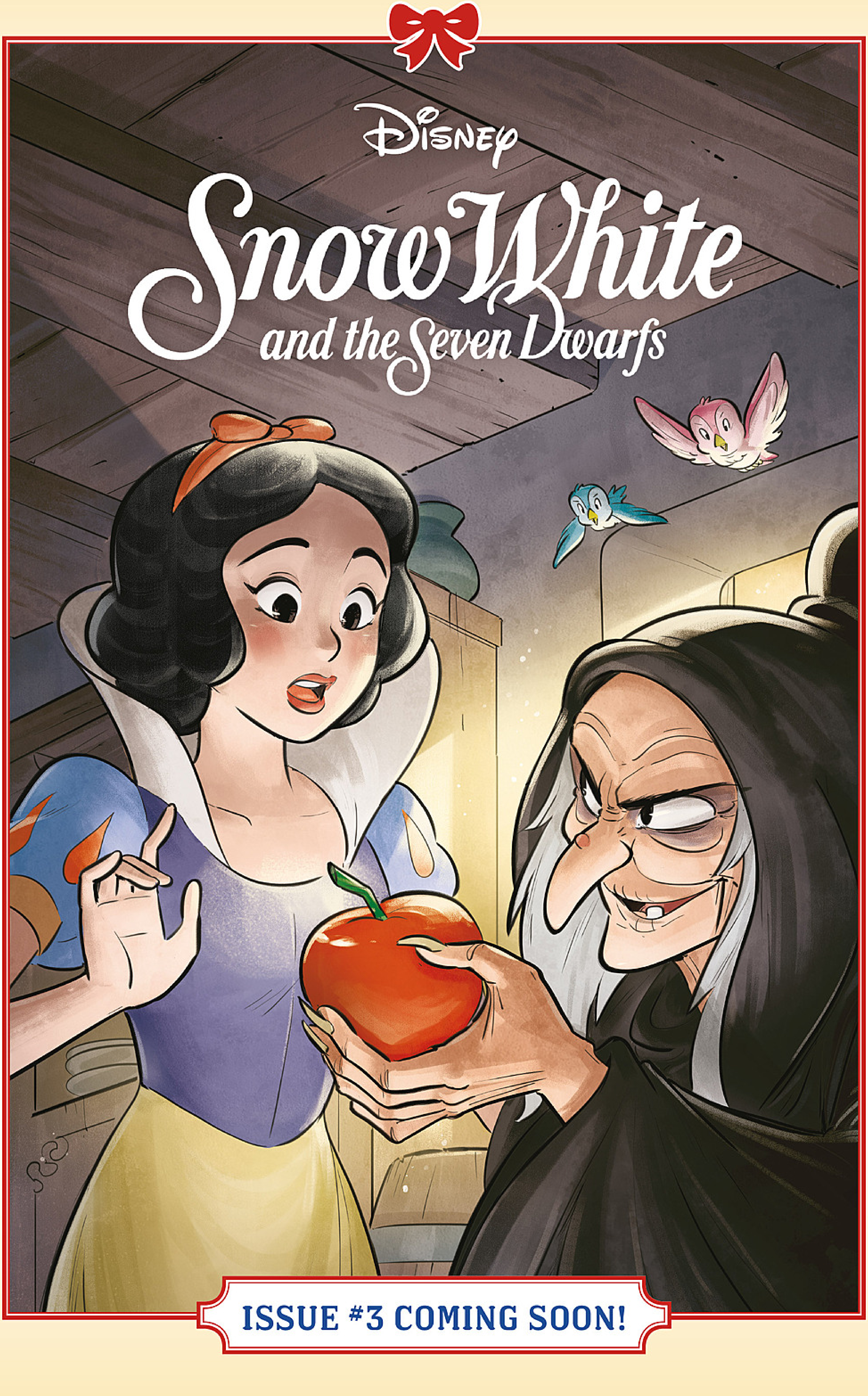
DON'T LET ANYBODY IN.
I WON'T.
DON'T LET ANYBODY IN.
I WON'T.
The days have turned into weeks.
DON'T LET ANYONE IN...


The weeks have turned into a whole month.
And I feel right at home.
I don't think anything could ever take my enormous happiness away.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